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FOR: HIV-1 REPORTER VIRUSES AND THEIR USE IN ASSAYING ANTI-VIRAL COMPOUNDS

MAIL STOP: Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2005. A Petition for a Three Month Extension of time with an authorization to charge the fee therefore is filed herewith. Therefore, this reply is due September 28, 2005 and is deemed to be timely filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

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